

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0502

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Gather and Grow Food Hub** project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Del Norte Healthcare District**, located at 550 E. Washington Blvd. Ste 400 Crescent City, CA 95531.

The funding would be used to support the development, construction, and launch of a regional food hub that strengthens local agriculture, expands food access, and provides critical infrastructure for rural food businesses. Funds will support facility construction and equipment installation, that enable local producers to access institutional and community markets while improving equitable food access across the region.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve food access in an area with one of the highest rates of food insecurity and diet-related health challenges in California. Will expand market access for small-scale, beginning, and Tribal farmers who currently lack the infrastructure needed to supply larger buyers.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress